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ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT,
GOVERNMENT OF SIKKIM,
KRISHI BHAWAN, TADONG.

No. 53/AH&VS/Adm **Date: 22/09/2025**

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, Sikkim has once again recorded positive cases of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) in all the districts of Sikkim as per the test reports received from National Institute of High Security Animal Disease (NIHSAD), Bhopal, vide letter no. F. No. 15-29/2025-NIHSAD/1, dated 25-06-2025, F.No.15-29/2025-NIHSAD, dated 16-07-2025 and F.No.15-29/2025-NIHSAD/1 dated 04/09/2025, based on its molecular level diagnosis (PCR).

And whereas, the last outbreak during 2022-2023 caused severe hardship to farmers and raised significant animal welfare concerns, which were mitigated through timely preventive, therapeutic, and surveillance measures implemented by this Department.

And whereas, the recurrence of the disease now necessitates immediate and coordinated preventive, control, and containment measures to prevent further spread;

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred by subsection (1) and (2) of Section 6 read with sections 7, 11, 12 and 13 of "The Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animal Act, 2009, the Government of Sikkim hereby notifies the entire area falling under Mangan, Pakyong, Soreng, Namchi, Gangtok and Gyalshing Districts of the State of Sikkim as "Controlled Area" for "Lumpy Skin Disease"(LSD), a Scheduled Disease under the Act.
Further, the following measures shall come into force with immediate effect:

1. Complete ban on movement of cattle from affected areas to non-affected areas until further orders.
2. Entry of dairy cows into Sikkim from outside the state is strictly prohibited until further orders.
3. Only bullock/buffalo bullocks intended solely for immediate slaughter for beef shall be permitted, subject to:
   a) Mandatory entry in the check-post register;
   b) Direct movement to the place of slaughter;

c) Monitoring by the concerned District Heads of the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Department;
d) Any violation of these measures shall attract penalties under The Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009;
e) All field Veterinary Officers shall strictly follow the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) issued vide No. 917/AH/VS (Adm), dated 04/01/2023.

This notification shall remain in force until further orders. All District Officers and field staff of the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services Department are hereby directed to ensure strict compliance.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Sikkim.

Dr. Sharman Rai
Principal Director-cum-Secretary,
Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Service Department.